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Construction of a road from Wandiwash to Tirukkoilur.

* 1048 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a road from Wandiwash in North Arcot district to Tirukkoilur in South Arcot district (via) Tellar, Gingee, Ananthapuram and Kandachipuram?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The answer is not readily available, Sir."

Retrenchment of teachers.

* 1049 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any order was issued to the educational authorities to retrench even the permanent teachers if there is no sufficient strength of 30 boys per teacher as per the recommendation of the Parulekar Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* 1050 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the bed-strength in the Gandhi Memorial Hospital at Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) the average number of in-patients per day?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Two hundred and seventy-five, Sir.

" (*b*) Four hundred and ninety-six in 1953, Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. The main purpose in putting the questions is not to waste the time of the Government or the House. Questions are put to elicit useful information from the Government and also to bring to the notice of the Government malpractices and injustice done to the people of which the Government may not be aware so that they can do justice to the people. If we are not given an opportunity to put supplementary questions to elicit further information, I think it may not serve the purpose at all."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It does not prevent the hon. Member from giving fresh notice of questions."

Supply of water from the river Tambaraparani to certain tanks.

* 1051 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any representation was made on 8th January 1954 to the Hon. Minister in respect of taking water (i) to Manoor tank (Tirunelveli taluk) from the river Tambaraparni at Tirupudaimarudur and (ii) to Gangaikondan Tank by a channel from Palayapattai and what action has been taken on such representation?